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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Bentwich, Itzhak Art Unit: 1635

App. No.: 10/708,952 Examiner: WHITEMAN, BRIAN A

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GROUP OF NOVEL REGULATORY VIRAL AND VIRAL ASSOCIATED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND USES

THEREOF

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

Filing Date:

April 2, 2004

In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2006 (the "Office Action"), and in accordance with the Rule of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is a Petition for a four-month extension of time and the requisite fee of \$1,590.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), which extends the deadline for filing a response to March 19, 2007.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above reference number.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this response; Amendments to the Specification begin at page 4; and Remarks begin at page 5.